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### Rep. Brostoff Statement on Supreme Court Decision to Uphold ACA Subsidies

MADISON – In a 6-3 ruling the Supreme Court voted this morning to uphold nationwide tax subsidies under the Affordable Care Act. This ruling preserves coverage for 184,000 people living in Wisconsin.

“It is a relief to know that this basic right, health coverage, will remain accessible to our state’s poor and middle class,” said Rep. Jonathan Brostoff (D-Milwaukee). “Now we need Walker to accept the federal Medicaid expansion funding.”

In 2013, Governor Walker rejected federal money to expand Medicaid and help ease Wisconsin’s healthcare burden while ensuring coverage for 81,000 more citizens. He is again faced with this choice and taking the offer would save Wisconsin taxpayers \$345 million over the next two years and draw in \$1.2 billion in federal funding to the state.

“Walker thinks the federal government may go back on the promise to provide this funding,” Brostoff continued. “Is that because he plans to promote himself on his presidential run by saying he wouldn’t honor commitments to our nation’s poor and middle class? Is this yet another example of how he cares more about his political ambition than the people he is paid to represent.”

Of the 34 states that rely on the federal exchange, Wisconsin has the eighth-highest subsidy. There are other legal actions being taken against the Affordable Care Act but it is widely thought that this ruling will set a precedence and discourage lower courts from advancing them.

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